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# The Elba Clipper

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Stemming from investigation that began in December by CCSO

## Two arrested for aggravated child abuse

Deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) arrested two suspects Monday morning, Jan. 9, in connection to a child abuse investigation that began in December.



Brittany Taylor



Nate Smith

According to information released by the CCSO, the office began its investigation after a reported was filed by the Coffee County Department of Human Resources. It was reported that a four-month-old child had allegedly suffered serious physical injury that resulted in respiratory arrest.

The investigation led Coffee County investigators to obtain warrants for aggravated child abuse against

Brittany Taylor, age 19, and Nate Smith, age 20, both of Ardon, Ala. Both suspects were arrested Monday morning on those warrants and placed in the Coffee County Jail — each charged with one count of aggravated child abuse.

Taylor and Smith each appeared Monday afternoon via Zoom before Coffee County District Judge Joshua Wilson for his/her 72-hour hearing. The state was represented by Assistant

District Attorney Jeremy Mitchell for each hearing.

Judge Wilson ordered each be held without bond under the provisions of Aniah's Law, which identifies aggravated child abuse as a crime within the definition of the law to deny bail. This is the first criminal case to fall under the Aniah's Law hearing provision since the law was implemented in November 2022.

Judge Wilson explained to the defendants, in their separate initial hearings on Monday, that they are eligible for an Aniah's Law hearing to be held within three days if the state requested one, which it did. The hearings were set for Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 1:30 p.m., at the Courthouse in Enterprise.

Will complete current term vacated by Kathy Holley

## Ralph Medley named new mayor for New Brockton

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the New Brockton Town Council meeting Monday night, Jan. 9, District Three council member Ralph Medley was nominated and approved to serve as mayor for the remainder of the current municipal term.

At the December meeting [Dec. 5, 2022], Mayor Kathy Holley resigned as mayor, effective Dec. 31st. Since Holley vacated the office, Medley had stepped into the leadership role as mayor pro-tem for New Brockton.

Monday night, District One council member Ronald Terry made a motion to name Medley as New Brockton's new mayor for the remainder of the term, which ends in 2025. District Five council member Shirely Eads seconded



In this file photo, Ralph Medley (left) and Kathy Holley (right) are shown accepting the oath of office in November 2020. Medley was elected council member for District Three while Holley was elected mayor. Last month, Holley resigned as the town's mayor, and Medley was appointed this week by his fellow council members to fill the mayor's seat for the remainder of the term, which ends in 2025.

that motion.

However, District Four council member Todd Askins and District Two council member Justin Flowers each questioned

Medley's vision and plans moving forward for the town prior to voting on the

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## Sheriff honored at Coffee County Commission meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County's outgoing sheriff Dave Sutton was recognized Monday morning, Jan. 9, during the Coffee County Commission for his many years of service to the county.

Sutton was first elected sheriff in 2006, and he

served four terms. Sutton attempted to seek re-election for a fifth term last year, but he was defeated by Scott Byrd in the election.

On Monday, Coffee County Commission chairman Dean Smith presented Sutton with a proclamation recognizing his service to the community. The procla-

mation noted that not only did Sutton devote 16 years to serving as Sheriff of Coffee County, but he also served many years in the U.S. Army as an officer and pilot, and as a Jr. JROTC instructor at Enterprise High School.

In 2018, Sheriff Sutton was elected to serve as president of the Alabama Sheriff's Association.

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Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton (left) accepts a proclamation Monday morning from Coffee County Commission chairman Dean Smith recognizing Sutton's many years of service to the community.

## Coffee/Pike County D.A. plans to retire; take supernumerary role

The Elba Clipper learned this week that Coffee and Pike County District Attorney Tom Anderson plans to retire as the full-time district attorney at the end of his current term next week.

Anderson will become a supernumerary district attorney and prosecute cases on an as needed basis, as reported by several local news media outlets. Anderson had been elected to another term as the District Attorney. That term is set to begin next week, but Anderson will not take office for the term.

Governor Ivey now will appoint a replacement for district attorney for Coffee and Pike counties.

Anderson reportedly met with several media outlets earlier this week regarding the news, but The Elba Clipper was not among those included in that meeting.



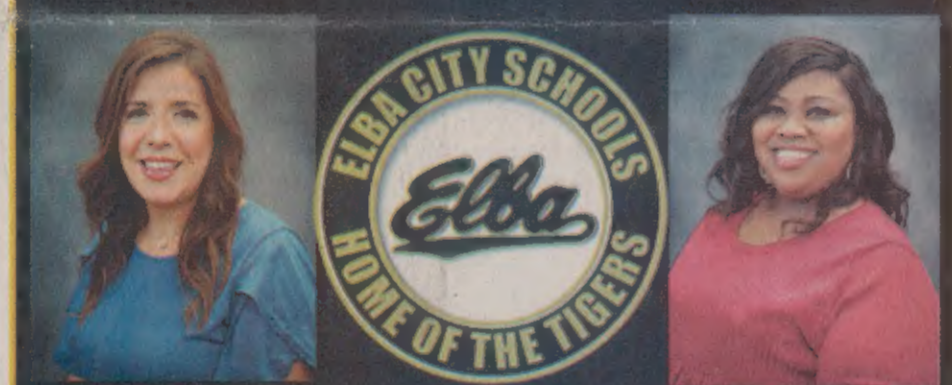
**ELBA FD RESPONDS TO STRUCTURE FIRE...**The Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded Monday morning, Jan. 9, to a structure fire behind a residence on Ann Street. The fire was reported at 10:49 a.m. Monday morning. Upon arrival on scene, the firefighters found a storage building fully engulfed with flames. The firefighters were able to extinguish the blaze before it spread to other structures. No injuries were reported from this incident. Elba Police also responded to the scene.



Johnny Senn

Deann Grantham

Greg Sowell



Kristy Astemborski

Miranda Russell

January is School Board Recognition Month

## Elba City Schools celebrates its board members

January is School Board Recognition Month, and the Elba City School System is celebrating its board members for their dedication and commitment to the school system and students.

The theme of this year's School Board Recognition Month is *Powering the Next Generation*, which highlights the impactful work school board members do to power up students to be their communities next leaders.

"We love starting off the new year by recognizing those who volunteer countless hours to ensuring that the next generation are properly charged," Elba Superintendent Chris Moseley said. "While we recognize our board members in January, we know their focus on supporting local school chil-

dren is year-round."

School board members work together to establish the framework that best fits their local schools' needs. The hard work and dedication they put in to helping our school system achieve new heights does not go unnoticed.

Board members serving Elba City Schools are Greg Sowell, DeAnn Grantham, Johnny Senn, Miranda Russell, and Kristy Astemborski.

The staff and students at Elba City Schools ask all local citizens to take a moment to tell a school board member, "thanks for supporting our schools and setting the next generation!"

Learn more about school board service at [alabamaschoolboards.org](http://alabamaschoolboards.org).

## Elba resident addresses city council over lack of trash pickup

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Something needs to be done was the message Elba resident John Robert Smith delivered Monday evening, Jan. 9, to the city council regarding trash being left for weeks, even months, without pickup.

Smith asked to address city council members regarding a trash pile that has been left for over three months within some 30-yards of his driveway on Claxton Avenue (Hwy. 189 N). He said the trash pile was placed there by his neighbor, and it is piled up at the property line.

"I have been living in Elba since 1965. I built a house in Brookdale in 1966, and I built a house on the Brantley Highway and moved in there in 1992," Smith said. "I have never seen things be as bad as what we've got now. This trash business is serious."

He said from Evergreen



This is the pile of trash that Elba resident John Robert Smith addressed city council members about during Monday evening's council meeting. The trash is piled up at the edge of Smith's neighbors property, which also happens to be about 30-yards from Smith's driveway. He said he has been forced to stare at the pile of trash for more than three months because there has been no trash pickup in his area of the city since Sept. 29th.

Cemetery to his house, that trash pickup has not taken place since Sept. 29, 2022.

"That's over three months, and it has not been touched," Smith said. "I don't know who is in charge or what, but that is way too long to have that staring you in the face."

Further, he said he and

his wife have driven around town, and there is trash everywhere.

Smith said it is his understanding there is nothing wrong with the trash truck except the lack of drivers.

"You can't get someone and pay them \$7.25 per hour with a CDL and drive a truck," he said. "You are

going to have to pay money to get somebody."

Over the past few months, Smith said he had called councilman Gappa Wise a couple of times regarding the lack of trash pickup in his area.

"Something has to be

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## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"I like pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals." — Sir Winston Churchill

Christmas gifts for this old mossback included three GOOD books (each signed by the writer)! Two are history books and one is a novel, all three by writers that we admire and read often. One history book is by Pulitzer Prize winner Jon Meacham, who lives in Nashville, Tennessee, and it appears to be the complete history of Abe Lincoln's life. The second history book is by retired Auburn history professor Wayne Flynt and is about Harper Lee, who wrote "To Kill A Mockingbird". The third one is the mystery novel by John Grisham. He started out as a lawyer, and John's books we have read all deal with court cases and the lives of the star characters. We have read several of his books (he has written 75 legal/fiction best sellers!), and he is one of the few fiction writers we do read. Sitting down to start reading the three books created a problem... which one to read first? We decided on the Wayne Flynt's "Afternoons with Harper Lee" - being among the millions around the world who liked "Mockingbird" plus we happen to know Flynt personally. The book did not disappoint and in places where it conflicts with what others have written about Harper Lee, we take Flynt's 'facts' because he and his wife sat with her for hours and hours many, many times and discussed the facts. Now we have started Grisham's "Boys from Biloxi". We have gotten far enough to know it centers around two characters that grow up friends and wind up on opposite sides of the law. Meacham has written several great (and never boring) history books about famous individuals, and a number of them we have read. So, on these cold winter evenings for a while you can know we are sitting quietly and roasting our toes before a fire, with a nose deep in an interesting book while minding our own business.

As the years pass it is not uncommon for a person to think, "now I have seen it all." Surely when those thoughts settle in the brain, a new experience emerges... or we read about another new event. This time we are in shock reading of a six-year-old student shooting a teacher! Now this child had, according to news reports, just become offended and/or upset when said teacher reportedly scolded him or just said something he didn't like. There is a question of what do you do about a six-year-old shooter. We assume he is charged with attempted murder - will a jury (any jury) actually convict him and if so, what penalty will the average judge administer? Then would an appeals court uphold the assigned punishment? AH HA! Who allowed him to gain possession of a loaded firearm? Is that a chargeable offense, etc.?

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters (the newest one)!

## DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99 to meet Thursday, Jan. 26th

The January 2023 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held on Thursday January 26, at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center.

The meal and fellowship will begin at 6 PM followed by the business meeting at 7 PM.

For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

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This green trash dumpster is located behind the new closed City of Elba recycle center (old Elba High School gymnasium building) in downtown Elba. While the recycle center remains closed and recyclables can no longer be dropped off at the building, this dumpster has been placed at the location for Elba residents to bring their household items (too large for the residential trash can) being thrown away for trash pickup. This is an alternative to placing the items by the road at the resident's home and waiting for the city's trash truck to come by and pickup the discarded items. This option allows residents to get rid of those unwanted trash items more quickly than does placing them by the road to wait on the trash truck. Citizens are encouraged to utilize it for this designated purpose.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2022, and Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, Jan. 3** - Animal complaint reported at 2260 Hickman Ave - w/impound (10:50 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1920 Reese Ave (1:01 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1595 Caroline St (2:03 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 995 Winston Ave (3:31 p.m.); Missing person reported at 2813 Hickman Ave (6:25 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, and two citations.

**Wednesday, Jan. 4** - Suspicious circumstances reported at 343 Brunson Circle (2:47 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 263 County Rd 501 (4:36 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 990 Hwy 203 - w/arrest (4:53 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 966 Claxton Ave N (8:03 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St (8:22 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 14134 Hwy 84 (8:33 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 421 Adkinson Ave (9:14 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 631 Jackson St (7:52 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1620 Boswell St (7:57 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on Cedar Lane Dr (10:53 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, one citation, and one arrest.

**Thursday, Jan. 5** - Animal bites reported at 402 Collier St (9:32 a.m.); Grass fire reported on Reynolds Ave (2:32 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances

reported at 718 Simmons St (5:36 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 211 Adkinson Ave (7:57 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 835 Troy Hwy (9:12 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1225 Martin Luther King Dr (9:23 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 211 Adkinson Ave (11:08 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, five verbal warnings, and one citation.

**Friday, Jan. 6** - No Report Received.

**Saturday, Jan. 7** - Suspicious circumstances reported on Buford St (10:57 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 878 Claxton Ave N (2:02 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 967 Elm Ave (6:00 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 429 Claxton Ave N (6:49 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1426 Hickman Ave - w/arrest (7:35 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 987 Hwy 203 (10:23 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, one citation, two arrests, and one written warning.

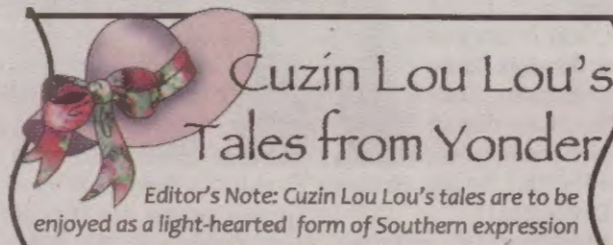
**Sunday, Jan. 8** - No Report Received.

**Monday, Jan. 9** - Suspicious circumstances reported at 835 Troy Hwy (5:43 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 169 County Rd 239 - w/impound (10:14 a.m.); Structure fire reported at 1248 Ann St (10:49 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 2585 Old Curtis Rd (12:50 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1205 County Rd 400 (2:25 p.m.); Harassment reported at 891 Cedar Lane Dr (5:40 p.m.).

## C.C. Arts Alliance event set for Feb. 7 in Enterprise, Ala.

The Coffee County Arts Alliance will present - Forever Young [Your Life - Your Music] Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m., at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center.

FOREVER YOUNG follows one unforgettable group of friends as they discover the greatest hits of all time! Set in a music-filled suburban basement, this unbelievable heartfelt true story is guaranteed to take you back to the first time you pushed play, tuned in, and set the needle down.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

If you ever want to see Sister's eyes grow wide and immediate fear come across her face...well, simply tell her you're planning a camping trip!

Cuzin Lou Lou got a wild hair several years back to join the 'camping' world. Now, we're not talking about tents on the ground, food cooked by campfire, or anything nearly as primitive...but, you'll never convince Sister of that!

Some family members had purchased a very nice travel trailer to go 'camping' at places like the beach and lake. That thing was like a home on wheels...there was a bedroom, bathroom, living area, kitchen...all the necessary things for daily life.

Lou Lou decided she and the Yonder gang would join in on the fun...so, she found a 'pop up' trailer to give it whirl. Lou Lou knew this was not nearly as nice as what the family folks had, but she also figured it wouldn't hurt the Yonder gang to 'rough it' just a bit.

First look at the pop up, and Sister was already skeptical...so, it really didn't have a chance at all!

First trip the family made...the family folks set up right next to the Yonder gang and the 'ole pop up. Sister's bed was on one of the "wings" that folded out from the pop up...it had a solid roof, but the sides were basically tent materials.

The inside of the pop up consisted of two beds on the 'wings' a sink and small cooking area, and a table for eating...No bathroom! For the bathroom, a pop up user must utilize the campground facilities.

All was going well that first night. Sister even managed to take her shower at the bathroom/shower facility without much complaint; however, that 2 a.m. need to go to the bathroom did not go over well! First, Sister refused

table potty for the pop up...problem solved! No more having to worry about the boogeyman getting Sister during her 2 a.m. bathroom trip.

Yeah...you guessed it! That did not go over well at all! Lou Lou heard some very choice words that trip and they sounded nothing like, "you are the best sister in the world! Thank you for doing this for us!"

The pop up made one...maybe two more camping trips before Lou Lou had sold it, so she could dig deeper into her pockets and purchase more suitable camping accommodations for Sister. Once that purchase was made, Lou Lou's life, camping or not, was a bit safer.

Well...until the day Sister flipped her chair, not once but twice...But that is a tale for another day!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

## RWCC to meet Wednesday, Jan. 18, in Enterprise, Ala.

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway.

The guest speaker will be President and CEO of 1819 News, Bryan Dawson. 1819 News is a non-profit news company that covers stories from Alabama and the U.S.

Social time begins at 11; an optional \$12 buffet begins at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required.

Contact Shannon to RSVP at 334-494-2753 or [rwccreservations@gmail.com](mailto:rwccreservations@gmail.com).

## Landmark Park to host Seed Swap and Garden Expo later this month

On Saturday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Dothan's Landmark Park and the Wiregrass Master Gardener Association will present the annual Seed Swap and Garden Expo at the Stokes Activity Barn at Landmark Park.

Activities will include trading seeds with fellow gardeners, plus information and demonstrations on beekeeping, backyard chickens, getting started with your home gardens, rain barrels, food preservation, composting and more. Bring your seeds to trade if you would like to participate in the Seed Swap.

This event is free with your paid gate admission (\$5 for adults, \$4 for kids, free for park members and children 2 and under).

Landmark Park is located at 430 Landmark Dr. in Dothan, Ala., just three miles north of Dothan's Ross Clark Circle. For more information, call 334-794-3452 or visit [www.landmarkparkdothan.com](http://www.landmarkparkdothan.com)

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## TOWN

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matter.

Askins wanted to know Medley's priority for business and where he thought changes need to be made while Flowers asked if Medley had some top things he would like to get accomplished.

Medley indicated that he believed the town already was headed in the right direction but that he would

be open to any new ideas. He said he now is assuming a position that he did not pursue, but he feels he can work with anyone from the seat.

Further, Medley said he feels New Brockton can move forward with him as mayor with the town council's help.

Following discussions, the council voted unani-

mously to appoint Medley as the new mayor.

This created a vacancy for the District Three council seat. Any resident in District Three interested in representing the district on the council for the remainder of the current term is asked to contact town clerk Debbie Andrews for more information.

## SUTTON

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"We want to recognize and thank Sheriff Dave Sutton for his service to Coffee County," Smith said. "We wish you the best in your future endeavors."

In saying thank you for the recognition, Sutton said his first thank you was to God.

"Without Him and His protection a lot of us would not be here today," he said. "It's been a long 16 years with a lot of stress."

Sutton joked that he had lost lots of hair over the past 16 years, but he said he was thankful for his fellow sheriffs from around the area that helped make sure the job got done during his time as Coffee County's sheriff. The sheriffs from Dale, Geneva, Henry, and

Houston counties were all in attendance for Monday's recognition of Sutton. Also present were the police chiefs from Enterprise and New Brockton.

"You can't have good law enforcement if you don't work together," Sutton said. "We've done that. We didn't hold hands, but we worked hard and effectively."

The sheriff also noted that he could not have done the job without his chief deputy Ronnie Whitworth, and administrative assistant Donna Pennington. Also, he said Captain Michael Hines was a great operations officer.

"We've had our good times and our bad times," Sutton said. "I want to thank everyone in that

sheriff's office for the job you have done. It has been a pleasure [to work with you]."

Further, Sutton thanked the Coffee County Commissioners for their support over the years, and he thanked the citizens of Coffee County.

"I am going to enjoy my time now," he said. "The Good Lord will open another door, and I will take whatever it is He gives me." Sutton did not fail to thank his wife, Debbie. He thanked her for putting up with him over the years, especially when he would come home upset due to the job. He said she would always remind him to calm down and move on, which they always did.

## TRASH

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done. Elba is a total mess right now. Somebody is not doing their job," Smith said. "I don't know what you are going to do about it, but something has to be done. I pay taxes just like

you all do. I don't expect any special favors. I just want to be treated fair."

Mayor Tom Maddox thanked Smith for coming to speak with the council, and he said the city leaders are looking at ways to improve the problem. One solution the mayor mentioned is that the city has partnered with LBW Community College to help some employees get their CDL license. He said currently five employees are signed up to begin that process.

"As I told you on the phone, it is a problem," Maddox said to Smith. "I see the same pile coming to work every day. We don't want it to look like that."

## MLK Day activities planned in Elba for Monday, Jan. 16th

Elba Mayor Tom Maddox said there will be Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities in Elba on Monday, Jan. 16th.

The activities will begin with a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. march of remembrance at 10 a.m. The march will begin from Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, located at 802 Newton Street, and will end on the square in Elba.

At 10:30 a.m. there will be a brunch inside the Elba Theatre, and the brunch will be followed with a program featuring guest speakers.

All are invited to attend these special events.

## City's focus for new Elba Chamber office shifts back to 'old dime store' building on Davis Street in downtown

The Elba City Council discussed Monday evening, Jan. 9, during a work session and its meeting that plan for the future Elba Chamber of Commerce office have shifted back to the 'old dime store' building on the square in downtown Elba. This property is located on Davis Street.

Mayor Tom Maddox said Wyatt Sasser Construction, Andalusia, Ala., had been contacted to provide an estimate on renovations for the building. As of Monday's meeting, the contractor had not gotten back with the city with cost estimates, but Maddox said he hoped to have that information at the next council meeting.

The former Elba Chamber office that was located on Putnam Street was destroyed by fire July 12, 2021. Since that time, the office has been temporarily located in a room at Moseley Studios on Factory Avenue while the Elba City Council determines a new

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## Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

## CHARLOTTE B. HOBSON

Mrs. Charlotte B. Hobson, age 82, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Ala. Memorial services were held Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023, from Elba United Methodist Church with Min. Steve Reneau officiating. Contributions may be made to the Elba United Methodist Church Son Shine Meal Ministry, 504 Claxton Avenue, Elba, AL 36323.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Hobson.

Survivors include her daughter: Tate (Russell) Roberts, Chelsea, Ala.; son: Richard Lewis (Susan) Hobson Jr., Montgomery, Ala.; granddaughters: Whitney (Andrew) Craig, Amelia (Michael) Chase, Tina (Justin) Parmer, and Mara (Trey) Wood; grandsons: Aaron (Haley) Roberts, and Hobson (Jacqui) Roberts; great-granddaughters: Addie Craig, and Bayless Chase; great-grandsons: William Craig Ezra Roberts, Peter Parmer, and Edison Boz Parmer; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and a loving community.

## CLANTON ASHA "SONNY" BRAGG

Mr. Clanton Asha "Sonny" Bragg, age 69, of Jack, Ala., died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, at Jackson Hospital in Montgomery, Ala.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Waylen Joseph Littlefield officiating. Burial services followed in the Haw Hill Assembly of God Church Cemetery.

Sonny was preceded in death by his parents, Asha Edwin & Quida Bragg; sister, Patricia Powell; brothers, Ronnie Bragg, and Rocky Bragg.

Survivors include his wife: Kathy Bragg, Jack; daughter: Felicity (Wayne) Jackson, Elba; son:

Waylen (Elena) Littlefield, Montgomery, Ala.; granddaughters: Audrey (Ryan) McNaughton, Elba, Brianna (Cory) Morgan, Brantley, Ala., and Rachael Boutwell, Montgomery; grandsons: Ethan (Heather) Deal, and Devin (Kayla) Jackson, all of Jack, and Zachary Littlefield, Montgomery; sisters: Gail (George) Mims, Dothan, Ala., Faye (Bill) Johnston, Arton, Ala., and Clovia (Jerry) Dickey, Mobile, Ala.; along with nine great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

## GREGORY HERSCHEL WILLIAMS

Mr. Gregory Herschel Williams, age 63, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held. The family requested anyone wanting to make memorial contributions, do so to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in memory of Greg. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba served the Williams family.

Greg was preceded in death by his mother, Patsy Bradshaw Williams.

Survivors include his father: Beamon Herschel Williams, Elba; two sisters: Pam Williams Maddaloni, Elba, and Debbie Williams, Foley, Ala.; along with three sons.

## ALVIE LEE "PETE" ANDERSON

Mr. Alvie Lee "Pete" Anderson, age 79, a resident of Elba, Ala., died as a result of a boating accident on Friday, Dec. 30, 2022, on the Yellow River in Holt, Fla. His body was recovered Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, after a diligent search by rescue personnel.

He retired as a mechanic, after many years of services in both Elba and Opp. Memorial services will

be held Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home beginning at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Jimmy Eddins officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 2-3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests those wishing to make memorials do so to a charity of your choice.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents, Bama Lucille Piland Anderson, and Alvie Anderson Sr.

Survivors include his wife: Betty Sue Anderson, Elba; daughter: Leslie (Michael) Enman, Enterprise, Ala.; son: Randy Lee Anderson, Opp, Ala.; granddaughters: Tashawna (Troy) Hollinghead, Opp, and Katlyn Rogers, Elba; great-granddaughter: Annslee Hollinghead, and great-grandson: Tucker Hollinghead, both of Opp; along with a sister: Aletha Brewer, Pensacola, Fla.

## Notice of Holiday Closing:

The City of Elba offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Any utility emergency during this time should be reported by calling the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. Garbage pickup will not change due to this holiday.

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To a large extent, you offer your support to these mourners the same way you would any other. Be there for them. Listen to them as they unload their emotional burdens, or simply offer them companionship when they feel like they need it. Offer to help with daily tasks and chores that may be hard to deal with in the wake of a loss.

Also remember that there are innumerable reasons for suicide, and you will probably never know the real reason why the person in question chose this path. As such, it is imperative to avoid anything that might sound like a judgment or a diagnosis. Accept that there are questions that will never be fully resolved.

More than anything, just offer yourself to those in mourning; allow them to lean on you as needed, even if that means venting or musing aloud about their loss. You don't need to provide them with answers; what they need more than anything is your love and friendship.

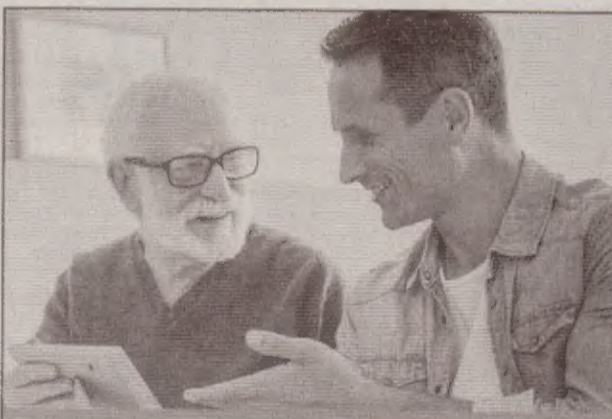
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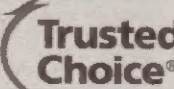
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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

by Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Elba United Methodist Church

I invite you to read Matthew 12:1-12

It was a famous story about the ancient, Greek mathematician Archimedes who is tasked by Hiero, a local tyrant, to see if a goldsmith has swindled him by replacing some gold with silver in a crown he wants to dedicate to the gods. Archimedes tries every form of calculation of which he can think, but to no avail. How does one test this question without destroying the crown? This puzzle seems to mock him, and the tyrant Hiero is growing impatient.

To try to take his mind off of the matter he goes to the famous public baths, and as he enters the water he notices that the water level rises slightly. Then, like a lightning bolt, he has an epiphany. It dawns on him that the amount the water level rises is equal in proportion to the amount of weight that has been placed into it, and that so he can prove whether the crown is truly pure gold.

He solved his puzzle and saved his life. He is so excited he jumps out of the water, darts out of the public bath, and yells down the streets "Eureka! Eureka!" a phrase we say today when something finally clicks to us.

On January 6th, Christianity celebrated the feast of Epiphany. It is the day when we celebrate the magi coming to visit the newly born baby Jesus in a manger.

We know very little about these magi, from where we get the word magician. We know they come from the east and we know that they are not Jewish. Surprisingly we do not know how many there are, but to me there will always be three. Many scholars have settled that these are probably Zoroastrian priests from Persia, who peer into the sky to see a new star.

It is so amazing they have to make the pilgrimage to further understand it. When they come and worship Jesus, these foreign priests of another faith it reminds me of something beautiful. Indeed, the epiphany that Jesus did not come for just some, but for the entire world; Christ came for each, and every one of us.

In this story, no one is left out. I think it is always important to celebrate Christmas and Epiphany together, and I hope we all remember that we serve a God who loves the entire world.

Grace and Peace

### Military Support Group Meetings:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

Covenant Community Church of Elba  
invites you to a reception for their pastor,  
Reverend Paul Jackson  
and Robin Lehman McCullough

of Orlando, FL  
celebrating their wedding  
being held January 7, 2023  
in Orlando, Florida.

The reception will be held  
in Just Folk Coffeehouse,  
Sunday, January 15, 2023,  
2:00 until 4:00 PM.  
Everyone is invited.

Round and About  
With Eria's Daughter  
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SCRIPTURE: The Way of Wisdom... Proverbs 9:1-12

### Thinking of you! Praying for you

Alice Musgrove  
Rose Coleman  
Mikayah Celeste Cason  
Sevin Cyshawn Cason  
Vincent Smith  
Family of the late: Donnie Ray Tillis  
Bradley Belcher Jr.  
Angie Dawson  
Family of the late: Annie Pearl Siler

January Birthdays/Anniversaries  
Faye Manning 1/22  
Steve Williams 1/22  
Toney (Cool Breeze) Wright 1/22  
Marcus A. Hutchinson 1/23 I.M.O.  
Yvonne White Jones 1/25  
Randy Caldwell 1/26  
Kikko Logan 1/26  
Schoochie Crittenden 1/26 I.M.O.  
Tia Kelley 1/27  
Larr Folmar 1/27  
Lovetta Folmar 1/29  
Marcus Henderson 1/30  
Janice Cole 1/30

### ENCOURAGING MESSAGE

Eva, our church's eldest senior at nearly 100 years of age, struggles with physical weakness but what she lacks in physical strength she makes up for in strong Christian love. Her wisdom and ability to share her Christian message knits the community together in love (Colossian 2:2). She is particularly good at alleviating the fears of mothers whose sons and daughters in the military are deployed. When faith's son Kevin was deployed to Iraq, Eva reminded her of when at age 2 he walked up to the choir caring a hymnal, to sing with them. "What a courageous toddler!", Eva exclaimed. They laughed

and tumesced of the congregation's waiting each week thereafter to see the little one run p to join the choir. "We wouldn't have had it any other way", Eva added. "Faith," Eva's encouragement continued, "you are the courageous mom who raised Kevin. We know God hears our prayers. He answered the first time you ever mentioned Kevin's courage in a prayer." We can be God's hands and feet in imitating this message of Daniel 10. We can set the rest at ease, tell them what we appreciate about them, and give them assurance that their prayers are heard. Recipients of such a message can say, as Daniel did, that the Lord has strengthened them. V.S.

### QUESTION/ANSWER SECTION

Q/A for the week of 1-12-23

Q: Joseph Brothers sold him to the Midianites.

A: False - Genesis 37:38

Q: Self-examination should precede observing the Lord's Supper

A: True - 1st Corinthians 11:27-29

Q: James describe the tongue as small yet capable of making great boast

A: James 3:5

THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

View People and Possessions as God does.

Questions for the week of 1-19-23

True or False

Q: Some Pharisees accused Jesus' disciples of not praying before eating.

Q: Jesus described the mustard seed as the greatest of all seeds.

Q: Jesus said the Pharisees were blind.

Today is a Good Day! Be grateful

Eria's Daughter Sue

## Share Your Church events with the Community!

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## Church Directory

<p><b>IN HIM WAS THE LIFE</b> Paul Jackson, Pastor Sunday Fellowship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night "Peak of the Week &amp; meal", 5:30 p.m. Bible Study &amp; Prayer, 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ABUNDANT GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, ALA.</b> Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Harry Driggers, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sam Self, Pastor Morn. Worship, 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLE AME CHURCH</b> Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Disciple Train, 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH</b> Remonia Smith, Pastor Sunday Service, 9:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd &amp; 5th Sundays Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH</b> Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night, 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Paul Jackson, Pastor Sunday Fellowship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night "Peak of the Week &amp; meal", 5:30 p.m. Bible Study &amp; Prayer, 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Phillip Adeock, Pastor Sunday Morning, 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening, 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON</b> Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship, 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening, 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH</b> Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service, 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service, 10:00 a.m. Even. Service, 4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH</b> John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study, 6:00 p.m. 1st &amp; 3rd Sundays</p> <p><b>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH</b> W. K. Ellison, Pastor Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH</b> Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>INO BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School, 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 10:00 a.m. Even. Service, 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 10:00 a.m. Even. Service, 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service, 7:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH</b> Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor Morn. Worship, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Even. Service, 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIVING WORD CHURCH</b> Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service, 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m. Wed. Youth Service, 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH</b> Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. 1st &amp; 3rd Sundays</p> <p><b>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dewey Emfinger, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening, 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service, 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Olson Strickland, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Loreal Flowers, Minister Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Julian Mitchell, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON</b> Terry McCrummen, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Worship, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PRaise &amp; GLORY WORSHIP CENTER</b> Roy L. Turner, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship, 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</b> A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study, 6:00 p.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>ROTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH</b> James Boots, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Praise Service, 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service, 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST</b> Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Even. Service, 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon., 7:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class, 7:00 p.m. Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH</b> Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Even. Service, 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Max Reed, Minister Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 5:45 p.m. Wed. Service, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORY TABERNACLE</b> Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Even. Service, 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 10:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Dustin Wisecarver, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dundale Marier, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m.</p>
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

COURTNEY CUMMINGS, Plaintiff,

vs. UNKNOWN PARTIES being the heirs of devisees Of Thelma Jean Blue, deceased, et al, Defendants.

CASE NO. CV-2022-900107

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Courtney Cummings has filed a Complaint pursuant to Section 6-6-560, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended, against any and all persons claiming any interests in the following said land, to-wit:

## Parcel One:

All our right, title and interest in and to one lot of land, together with the dwelling house and all other improvements thereon, in the City of Enterprise, Alabama, lying in and being a part of the NW ¼ of NE ¼, Section 20, Township 4, Range 22, that is better described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the South right of way line

of Griswold Street and which point is 180 feet, more or less, East of the East right of way line of Fleming Street and which point is also the Northeast corner of lot of land owned by Waymon Mallisham and running thence in a Southerly direction along the East boundary of said Mallisham lot for a distance of 90 feet; thence Easterly for a distance of 60 feet; thence Northerly for a distance of 90 feet and to the South right of way line of Griswold Street; thence West along the South right of way line of Griswold Street for a distance of 60 feet to the point of beginning and being a part of the property that was conveyed by C.W. Carmichael to Corine Sawyer on November 26, 1936, and which conveyance is recorded in Deed Book 27, page 34, in the Probate Office in Enterprise, Alabama.

Deed Reference: Deed Book 83, Page 606.

## Parcel Two:

One vacant lot of land in the City of Enterprise,

Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South margin of Griswold Street and at the Northeast corner of property of Thelma Jean Blue, Louis Reynolds and wife, Tula Reynolds, and running thence South for a distance of 90 feet, more or less; thence West along the South boundary of said Blue and Reynolds property for a distance of 60 feet, more or less; thence South for a distance of 75 feet, more or less, and to the North margin of Sawyer Street (which is unopened at this time); thence East along the North margin of said Sawyer Street for a distance of 120 feet, more or less, and to the Southwest corner of property of Marion and Fannie Newson; thence North along the West boundary of said Newson property for a distance of 165 feet, more or less, and to the South margin of aforesaid Griswold Street; thence West along the South margin of said Griswold Street for a distance of 60 feet, more or less, and to the point of beginning.

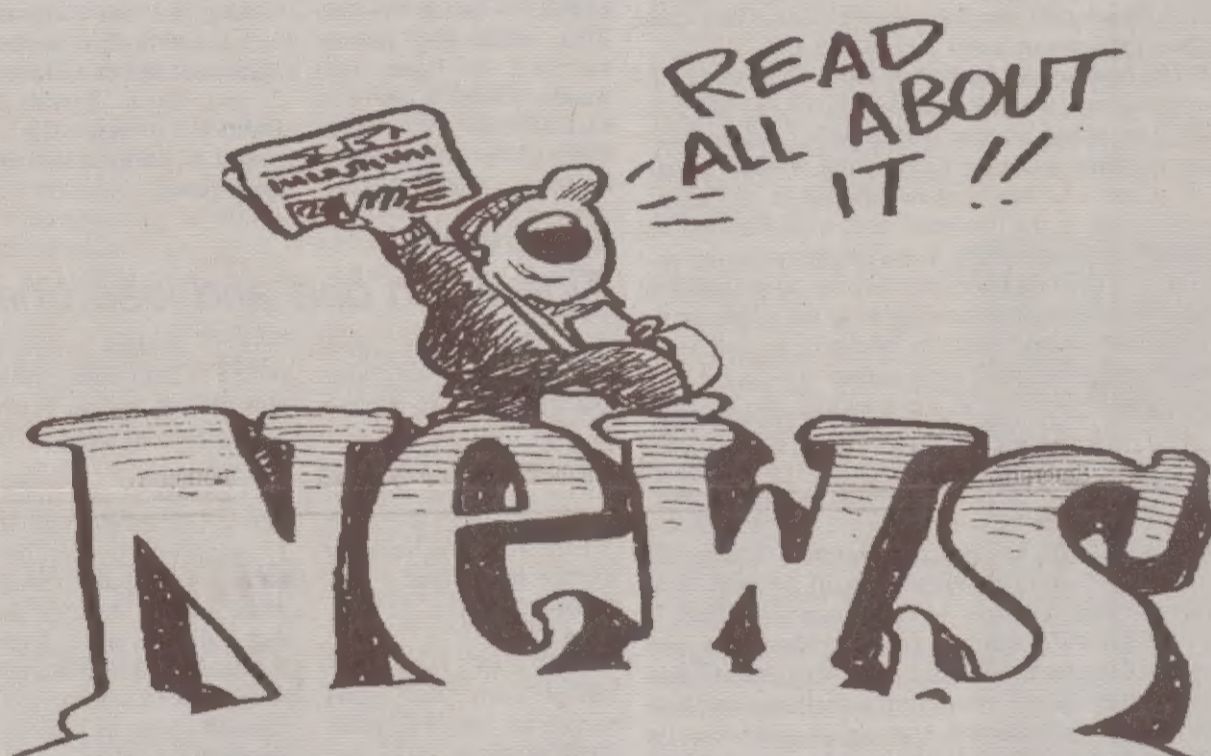
Deed Reference: Deed Book 95, Page 791.

Any personal claiming any interest in said land shall have thirty (30) days from the last date of publication of this notice in order to file an answer in Case No. CV-2022-900107 pending in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Done this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2022.Circuit Clerk  
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## SPORTS NEWS

## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**Our youngest grandson Cannon spent the night** with us over the holidays, and while helping change a dirty diaper at one a.m. and then helping get a bottle ready at three a.m. isn't the best formula for a good night's sleep, it was fun to have the little man with us and we did have some fun later in the day when we were all wide awake. Maybe the next time he visits I will get our grandson Lawson to help his Nanny with the nighttime chores.

## For what it is worth....

\*\*\* **The Elba Tigers dropped their area opener** at home last week to cross-county rival Kinston, but bounced back late in the week to even their area slate at 1-1 with an important road win over Houston County. The Tigers had a hard time getting the ball to go in the hoop in both games as they scored only 37 points in the loss and 40 in the win, and while they do play aggressive on the defensive end of the court, they will need to up their point total dramatically to have any chance at bring home an area title against the likes of area foes Brantley, Florala and Kinston, not to mention Houston County. Elba has already posted 11 wins this season, but its biggest games are ahead and it is time to jell as a team.

\*\*\* **The Elba Lady Tigers made it clear** they are the team to beat in the area race last week with a pair of lopsided losses over Kinston and Houston County. The Lady Tigers scored over sixty points in both games despite having a running clock in the fourth quarter of both games, which is hard to beat in girls' action. However, the fact the Lady Tigers recorded shut-outs in three of the eight quarters was amazing! Elba held Kinston scoreless in both the second and fourth quarters in the area opener, then blanked Houston County in the third quarter to blow the game open. If the Lady Tigers can keep improving and play with the intensity they have shown at times they could have their sights set on a trip back to region.

\*\*\* **The high school basketball season** has reached its all-important area schedules and locally it looks like a lot of excitement ahead for area fans. Brantley had to escape with an overtime win over Kinston last week to remain atop the Class 1A, Area 2 standings, but is still clearly the team to beat in the five-team race, while Kinston and Florala appear to be battling it out for the runner-up spot and Elba is a team that can beat anyone on its schedule on any given night, but has struggled to put points on the scoreboard and would have to be labelled a spoiler. As for Houston County, the Lions don't appear to be in the class with the teams in the top of the standings. On the girls' side, Elba seems to be the favorite to bring home the area crown and in its two area games thus far have won by 48 and 33 points over Kinston and Houston County. Brantley and Florala should be the next two teams in line for a shot at the crown, while Kinston and Houston County will have to satisfied with possibly pulling off an upset along the way. In Class 2A, Area 4, Zion Chapel will have to knock off Highland Home or Luverne to advance in post-season play, and while the Rebels have struggled at times, they have never backed down from a challenge and have to believe they can pull it off. Over on the girls' side, the Lady Rebels appear likely to be near the bottom of the four-team standings as they continue to rebuild. In Class 3A, Area 4, Opp and Pike County are favorites, but New Brockton is a dangerous team and can upset anybody on any given night, while the Lady Gamecocks actually have a real chance at making the top two in the standings and rewrite the history books.

\*\*\* **The transfer portal has been busy** in recent weeks on the college football scene and while I know many players change schools to seek more playing time, I also believe many others do so to cash in on the NIL money that is being flashed around by schools looking for a quick fix. I will agree it is possible for a school to turn around its football fortunes by adding a couple of so-called big name players from other schools. However, I always wonder just how bad the original school really wanted to keep any player that jumps ship, since its coaches and staff have hands on contact with the player every day of the week. With so many players reentering the portal after just one season at a new school, it makes it clear to me that the moves are personal in nature and have nothing to do about being part of a team. Oh well, I guess we are all guaranteed the 'right to pursue happiness.'

\*\*\* **In closing....** Don't look for ticket prices for Atlanta Braves games to go down any time soon! The Braves payroll for the 2023 season currently stands at over \$168 million, which means you better start saving up now if you hope to catch a game, or a series. Matt Olson is the highest paid player with a salary of \$21 million, followed by Charlie Morton (\$20 million), Ronald Acuna, Jr. (\$17 million), Raisel Iglesias (\$16 million), Marcell Ozuna (\$16 million) and Austin Riley (\$15 million). Those totals don't even include the contracts of Max Fried, A.J. Minter, and many others. So, forget the \$168 million figure. Since there are 162 regular season games on the schedule, that means it costs Atlanta over \$1 million per game just to dress out its team. I guess maybe this season a trip to watch the Braves will have to be considered a family vacation.

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## Post lopsided wins

## Lady Tigers send a message to area foes

The Elba Lady Tigers opened area play last week and made it clear they have their sights set on an area title as they pounded Kinston 61-13 and Houston County 64-31 to move atop the area standings.

Following is a recap of both area wins:

**Elba 61****Kinston 13**

The Elba Lady Tigers tipped off area play last Wednesday night at home with a dominating 61-13 rout over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs.

Elba's A'Lyric Whitfield hit three three-pointers and poured in 11 points in the first quarter as the Lady Tigers opened up a 17-7 lead, and the second quarter was all Elba as Whitfield poured in 12 points and the Lady Tigers outscored the Lady Bulldogs 20-0 in the stanza to carry a lopsided 37-7 lead in at intermission.

The pace slowed in the third quarter, but Elba was still able to stretch its lead to 48-13 by the end of the stanza and then closed the game by outscoring Kinston 13-0 in the fourth quarter to close out the 61-13 romp.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 30 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Kendra Juarez 8, Ny'Asia McCollough 7, Yada Caldwell 6, Ana Caldwell 2 and Brooke Tinsley 2 and

Sydney Siler 2. Scoring for Kinston were Rachel Hall 6, Lilli Sumblin 2, Trinita Camley 2, Kaley Norris 2 and Maggie Martin 1.

**Elba 64****Houston Co. 31**

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled away after a slow start to clobber the Houston County Lady Lions 64-31, at Houston County.

Elba's A'Lyric Whitfield scored nine points in the opening quarter to help the Lady Tigers grab a 13-10 lead, while Whitfield and Ny'Asia McCollough combined for 10 points in the second quarter as the Lady Tigers carried a 28-17 lead in at intermission. The Lady Tigers came out determined to take command in the third quarter and did just that as they outscored Houston County 25-0 behind the scoring of Whitfield and Brooke Tinsley to open up a big 53-17 advantage, and then coasted in with the big road win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 28 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Ny'Asia McCollough 13, Brooke Tinsley 6, Yada Caldwell 6, Ana Caldwell 4, Kendra Juarez 3, Ayrika Caldwell 2 and Tajah Purvis 2. Diamond Ealey-Carter scored 24 points to lead the Lady Lions.

## In area play

## Tigers win one and lose one

The Elba Tigers tipped off area play last week and split their two contests as they lost at home to Kinston 52-37 and won on the road over Houston County 48-30.

Following is a recap of the two area games:

**Kinston 52****Elba 37**

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never caught up last Wednesday afternoon in a 52-37 area loss, at the Tiger gym.

Kinston came out ready to play in the area opener and behind the play of Tripp Hawthorne and Cale Sumblin stunned the Tigers by racing out to a 12-2 first quarter advantage. The Bulldogs maintained their double-digit lead for most of the second quarter were on top 22-12 with 1:24 remaining after a basket by Connor Tew. However, Elba's JT Coleman and Ty Sieving both hit three-pointers in the final 24 seconds of the stanza as the Tigers pulled within 22-18 at the half.

Kinston opened the third quarter with an 8-2 run to stretch its lead to 30-20 with 2:55 left in the stanza and remained in command until the closing seconds when a free throw by Coleman and a three-pointer by Jacob Watkins cut the Bulldogs lead to 32-27 heading into the fourth quarter. The Tigers trailed 34-29 with 6:45 remaining in the final stanza after a basket by Watkins, but Kinston used a 10-2 run to open up a 44-31 lead with 4:01 left on the clock, and the Bulldogs never lost control to hand the Tigers the 52-37 loss.

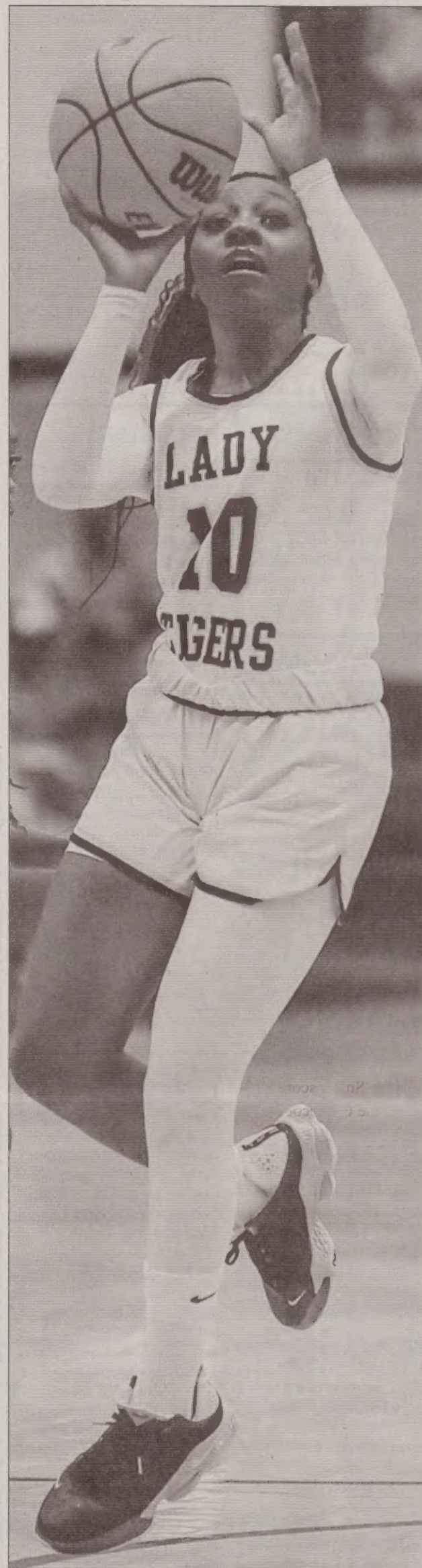
Jacob Watkins scored 8 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Cameron Gray 7, Ty Sieving 7, Taylon Purvis 5, JT Coleman 4 and Jamal Siler 2. Cale Sumblin scored 15 points and Connor Tew added 14 to lead Kinston, while also scoring for the Bulldogs were Tripp Hawthorne 10, Reece Hall 8 and Caden Calhoun 4.

**Elba 48****Houston Co. 30**

The Elba Tigers claimed their first area win of the season by rolling past the Houston County Lions 48-30, at Houston County.

Elba's Cameron Gray drained a three-pointer and scored seven points in the first quarter to help the Tigers jump out to an early 11-9 lead, while Taylor Purvis and Jamal Siler combined for nine points in the second quarter as the Tigers carried a 24-15 lead in at the half. Elba continued to struggle finding its way to the goal in the third quarter, but held the Lions to only one point in the stanza to stretch its lead to 34-16, and coasted in with the important road win.

Cameron Gray scored 14 points, grabbed 4 rebounds and had 4 steals to lead Elba, while also starring for the Tigers were Taylon Purvis with 10 points and 3 assists, Jamal Siler with 10 points and 13 rebounds, Jacob Watkins with 5 points and 7 rebounds, Cody Gray with 4 points, 10 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals, and JT Coleman with 2 points and 3 assists. The Lions were led by Azariel Todd with 10 points.



Elba Lady Tiger A'Lyric Whitfield (10) eyes the basket. Whitfield averaged 29 points a game last week in two area games to spark Elba to two lopsided wins.

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Jan. 14 Elba vs Zion Chapel  
(Home) 10 a.m.

**8U Girls**

Jan. 14 Elba vs Zion Chapel  
(Home) 9 a.m.  
Jan. 16 Elba vs Zion Chapel  
(Home) 6 p.m.  
Jan. 17 Elba vs Kinston  
(Home) 6 p.m.

\*\* Elba 8U home games  
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**10U Boys**

Jan. 14 Elba vs Daleville  
(Home) 12 noon

**10U Girls**

Jan. 16 Elba vs Kinston  
(Away) 6 p.m.

**12U Boys**

Jan. 12 Elba vs New  
Brockton (Away) 6:30 p.m.  
Jan. 14 Elba vs New  
Brockton (Home) 1 p.m.  
Jan. 17 Elba vs Zion Chapel  
(Away) 7 p.m.

**12U Girls**

Jan. 14 Elba vs Daleville  
(Home) 2 p.m.  
Jan. 19 Elba vs Kinston  
(Away) 6 p.m.

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games are played at the  
Elba High School gym

## SPORTS NEWS

By The Dothan Eagle

## Henderson named 'Player of the Year'

The Dothan Eagle, a daily newspaper published in Dothan, announced its 'Super 12' high school football selections over the weekend and named Elba Tiger sophomore running back Alvin Henderson as the 2022 'Player of the Year.'

Henderson, rated as one of the top sophomore running backs in the nation, rushed for 2,636 yards and 46 touchdowns in leading the Tigers to a perfect regular season record, and averaged 219.7 yards and 3.9 touchdowns per game. He also caught two passes for 24 yards and two td's, giving him 48 total touchdowns in 12 games.

"I feel I am successful because I listen to everything my coaches tell me and from everybody that played here before me," stated Henderson, in a published

interview. "I try to listen to everything they tell me, so I can be one of the greatest at Elba one day."

Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving stated, "The thing that stands out the most is his vision. He can see the hole even where it is not supposed to be, then when he makes up his mind to burst through that hole he is very explosive. He isn't afraid to run over people and he obviously has the breakaway speed where he can make somebody miss him in the open field and take it the distance."

Recently timed in the 40 at 4.49, the Tiger standout admitted, "I feel like I am a speed type guy, but I feel I can do anything on the field that my coaches ask me to do."

"My main goals of course were to win every week and win the state championship," added

the 5-10, 190-pounder. "We weren't able to win the championship, but we worked very hard to get where we were. We got put out in the second round of the playoffs, but I was proud of the way our season went and how we finished. I just took it week by week and made sure I was being a great athlete and a great teammate."

Henderson has already received offers from sixty colleges across the country, but stated, "I don't have any set schools or order. I am still keeping all my options open."

Henderson reported he had visited Alabama a couple of times already, as well as Tennessee, and has plans to visit Auburn, Clemson, Oregon and Southern Cal. He said he hopes to make a decision in the spring of 2024.

Joining Henderson on the 2022 'Super 12' team were: Raymon Blackmon, senior, running back, Dothan; Mykel Johnson, senior, wide-receiver, running back, Enterprise; Karmelo Overton, senior, linebacker, Carroll; Jywon Boyd, junior, wide-receiver/defensive back, Charles Henderson; Damien Hart, senior, linebacker, Charles Henderson; Yhonzae Pierre, senior, defensive end/tight end, Eufaula; Patrick Screws, senior, offensive lineman, Eufaula; Jaxon Williams, junior, quarterback, Headland; Kady Mitchell, sophomore, quarterback, Houston Academy; Ian Foster, senior, wide receiver/defensive back, Pike County; and, Ian Senn, junior, quarterback/wide receiver/safety/punter, Arton.



ALVIN HENDERSON.... The Dothan Eagle's 2022 high school football "Player of the Year."

## High School ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

## BOYS:

## Brantley gets past Kinston 65-61

The Brantley Bulldogs claimed an important road win over the Kinston Bulldogs 65-61, in overtime, to move atop the area standings. Jayden Parks scored 22 points to lead Brantley, while Keldric Brown scored 14 points and pulled down 14 rebounds. Tripp Hawthorne scored 17 points to lead Kinston, while Cale Sumblin added 16, Reece Hall scored 14 and Connor Tew scored 11.

## New Brockton cages Warhawks 58-53

The New Brockton Gamecocks outscored Daleville 11-6 in overtime to claim a wild 58-53 home court win. Matthew Smith scored 19 points and grabbed 7 rebounds to lead the Gamecocks, while Yassiah Rousseau added 14 points, Anthony Siler scored 10 points, grabbed 6 rebounds and had 5 steals, and Baylon Foster added 7 points, handed out 5 assists and had 5 steals. Moses McDowell scored 23 points to lead Daleville.

## Zion Chapel falls to Luverne 75-65

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled for all four quarters in a 75-65 area loss to the Luverne Tigers. Jacob Chestnut scored 24 points and Slade Grantham added 22 to lead the Rebels.

## GIRLS:

## New Brockton dumps Daleville 48-30

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks got back in the win column with a 48-30 home court win over Daleville. Ariana Smith scored 12 points and Reese Eddins added 10 to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Kiani Schmitz led Daleville with 18 points.

## Brantley knocks off Kinston 43-22

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs claimed a big area win on the road by knocking off the Kinston Lady Bulldogs 43-22. Coco Stamps scored 15 points and A.C. Free added 10 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

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## Kinston's Claire McReynolds named 'Super 12' volleyball

The Dothan Eagle, a daily newspaper published in Dothan, announced its annual 'Super 12' high school volleyball selections over the weekend and included on the honored list was Kinston Lady Bulldog Claire McReynolds.

McReynolds, a senior, setter/outside hitter, helped lead Kinston to an area title and the Class 1A state tournament. During the season she earned 663 assists (21.3 per match), 585 digs (17.5 per match), 58 aces and 37 kills.

Other members of the 'Super 12' included Emma Claire Long, senior, outside hitter, G.W. Long; Miranda Smith, senior, middle hitter, G.W. Long; Heather Holtz, junior, setter, Enterprise; Lily Rhoades, senior, libero, Enterprise; Emma Arnold, senior, middle hitter, Rehobeth; Rayanna Ausley, sophomore, outside hitter, Geneva; Emma Helms, junior, setter, Ashford; Mary Suzan Aman, junior, middle hitter, Houston Academy; Abby Caldwell, senior, setter, Houston Academy; Olivia Bruner, senior, right-side hitter, Providence Christian; and, Kaydee Phillips, senior, middle blocker, Arton.

Emma Claire Long, senior, outside hitter, from G.W. Long was named the 'Player of the Year,' while Jennifer Graham, of Enterprise, was named the 'Coach of the Year' for the second straight season.

Other players from Coffee County that received honorable mention included Jadyn Britton, Enterprise; Taylor Danford, Enterprise; and, Anna Clark, New Brockton.



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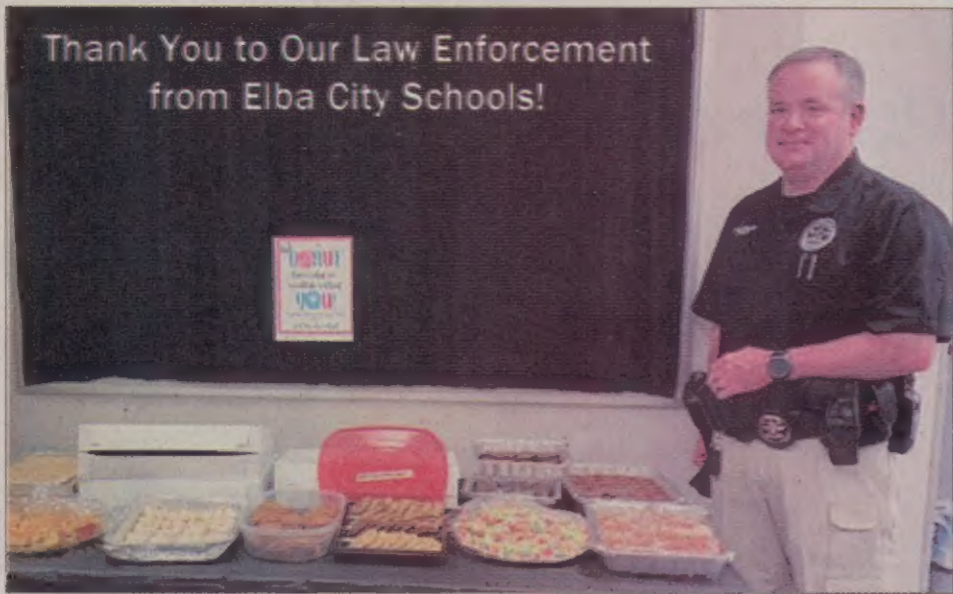
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LIFESTYLES

Elba City Schools thanks officers on Law Enforcement Day...

National Law Enforcement Day was celebrated Monday, Jan. 9th, and Elba City Schools showed its thanks to all the men and women who keep the school system and community safe day in and day out with special treats for local law enforcement. The school also extended a special thank you to its very own School Resource Officer, Dale England (pictured to the right).



Upcoming events announced by Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of AL

**Saturday, Jan. 14, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.:**  
UAB Mobile hospital unit will be here seeing anyone that needs to be seen regardless of ability to pay. The unit also will bring a mobile pharmacy and fill prescriptions written by UAB. This is open to the public.

**Friday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.:**  
Mobile Eye Clinic Unit will be here seeing anyone that needs to be seen. Glasses average \$20. This is open to the public.

Note: All meetings/events will be at 2950 County Road 377, Elba. All are open to the public. For additional information, call (334) 897-3207.

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Elba, Brantley among 138 high schools to win "Best Hustle Award"

Alabama Possible, a state-wide nonprofit that breaks down barriers to prosperity, last week announced that 138 schools, including Elba High School and Brantley High School, will receive the Best Hustle Award for successfully improving their early Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion by 10 percent from 2021 to 2022.

Early completion is defined as completion during the first two months of the FAFSA cycle (i.e., October and November).

Elba High School's Counselor, and the coordinator of Elba's Alabama Goes to College Campaign said, "I am so thankful for helpful community agencies, motivational faculty, and nurturing parents who join me in wanting the best for our seniors each year. We challenge our students to dream big and make those dreams a reality. Last year's senior class was awarded over a million dollars in college scholarships. I am so honored to be recognized with the 'Best Hustle Award' for the third time since 2019. Alabama Possible has also recognized Elba High for the past two years for creating a College-Going Culture."

Schools that earned the "Best Hustle Award" include: Addison High School, Albert P. Brewer High School, Alma Bryant High School, Amelia L. Johnson High School, Anniston High School, Ashville High School, Baldwin County Virtual School, Banks Academy, Barbour County High School, BB Comer Memorial High School, Beauregard High School, Belgreen High School, Ben C. Rain High School, Bessemer Academy, Bessemer City High School, Booker T. Washington High School (Tuskegee), Brantley High School, Bullock County High School, Carver Senior High School (Montgomery), Center Point High School, Central High School (Hayneville), Central High School (Phenix City), Central High School (Tuscaloosa), Central High School of Clay County, CF Vigor High School, Charles Henderson High School, Childersburg High School, Citronelle High School, Clay-Chalkville High School, Cleburne County High School, Clements High School, Cleveland High School, Colbert Heights High School, Cold Springs High School, Cordova High School, Corner High School, Cullman High School, Daleville High School, Dallas County High School, Daphne High School, Demopolis High School, Deshler High School, Douglas High School, Elba High School, Elkmont High School, Elmore County High School, Escambia County High School, Etowah High School, Excel High School, Fairhope High School, Fort Payne High School, Fruitdale High School, Fultondale High School, Gardendale High School, Geneva County High School, George Washington Carver High School (Birmingham), Greenville High School, Guntersville High School, Haleyville High School, Hanceville High School, Hartselle High School, Hatton High School, Hayden High School, Hazel Green High School, Helena High School, Hewitt-Trussville High School, Houston Academy, Houston County High School, Huffman High School, Magnet High School, Ider School, Isabella High School, Jackson-Olin High School, James Clemens High School, JB Pennington High School, Jefferson County IB, Lafayette High School, Lamar County High School, Lanett High School, Lanier Senior High School, Lee High School (Huntsville), Leeds High School, Lexington School, Lillie B. Williamson High School, Lurverne High School, Madison County Virtual School, Marengo High School, Mattie T. Blount High School, McAdory High School, McKenzie High School, Millry High School, Moody High School, Mountain Brook High School, Murphy High School, Muscle Shoals High School, New Century Technology High School, North Sand Mountain School, Oakman High School, Ohatchee High School, Opelika High School, Parker High School, Pell City High School, Pickens Academy, Pickens County High School, Pisgah High School, Pleasant Home School, Pleasant Valley High School, Ragland High School, Randolph County High School, Rehobeth High School, Sand Rock High School, Saraland High School, Scottsboro High School, Shades Valley High School, Slocomb High School, Smiths Station High School, Southern Choctaw High School, Spring Garden High School, Springville High School, Sweet Water High School, Sylvania School, Talladega High School, Tanner High School, Tharptown High School, Theodore High School, Thomasville High School, Thorsby High School, Valley Head High School, Vina High School, Wadley High School, Wellborn High School, Wenonah High School, West End High School, Wilcox Central High School, Wilson High School, Winfield High School, Woodland High School, and Woodlawn High School-Magnet.

All the listed schools participate in the Alabama Goes to College campaign, which is coordinated by Alabama Possible. Cash for College, a component of the Alabama Goes to College campaign, works with school counselors, career coaches, and other educators at high schools across the state to equip students to continue their education after high school by completing their FAFSA.

This year, 376 Alabama high schools are participating in the Alabama Goes to College campaign. As of early December, more than 13,000 Alabama high school seniors have already completed the FAFSA. High school educators know FAFSA is the gateway to postsecondary financial aid and assist their students in completing this critical task before graduation.

Since the implementation of the state's first Universal FAFSA policy and thanks to the tireless efforts of educators, Alabama ranked 2nd in the nation in year-over-year percentage change in FAFSA completion for the graduating class of 2022. Even more encouraging, low-income, high-minority, and rural schools in Alabama have seen a greater year-over-year increase in FAFSA completion than their counterparts.

"We congratulate our Best Hustle Award recipients and encourage them to keep the momentum going for FAFSA completion as a strategy to removing financial barriers to postsecondary education," said Chandra Scott, executive director of Alabama Possible. "It's encouraging when you see policy and practice come together to create positive outcomes for students."

Any student seeking federal or state financial aid – including grants, loans, and work-study programs – must complete the FAFSA. The form is often used to determine a student's eligibility for scholarships and institutional aid also. Most Alabama students qualify for Pell Grant aid of up to \$6,895 per year. Students can use Pell Grants for two-year and four-year technical and academic programs. If you want to learn more about the FAFSA and Cash for College, visit [alabamagoestocollege.org](http://alabamagoestocollege.org).

Alabama aims to add 500,000 individuals with valuable postsecondary credentials to its workforce by 2025, and Governor Kay Ivey's Success Plus strategic plan recognizes the critical role that financial aid plays in making education after high school accessible and affordable.

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